

I am an XM subscriber since January 2003 and I receive Sirius's music channels via my subscription to Dish Network. Both are extremely valuable to me and I very much wish for both services to flourish and provide an effective counterbalance to "old" radio's juggernaut which force feeds the same homogenized content everywhere. I find it ironic that they complain about Satellite Radio's potential for "diminishing" the public's capability to get local news and content when they themselves have largely abandoned items of local interest. I think it stems more from a realization that their product, although "free", pales in comparison to Satellite Radio as 1/3 of all over the air broadcasts are commercials vs. 0-6 minutes an hour for the other services. PLEASE do not do anything to handcuff their ability to compete. Yesterday, I had to drive from Pittsburgh to the Jersey Shore and I was able to listen to XM's traffic and weather updates in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and New York City enroute. It was a tremendously useful service and I DON'T want to lose the ability to receive it just because the NAB decides that their services lack any appeal to anyone willing to pay for radio and decide to cripple XM instead of improving their own service. Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.